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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 through 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (previously presented): An electrical connection component comprising a plurality of plate-like flexible conductive pattern members, a sheet-like gel member having said conductive pattern members embedded therein, flexible base material sheets retaining said gel member therebetween, a thin film conductive layer coating an external surface of each of said conductive pattern members, and an additional flexible base material sheet bisecting said gel member in a thickness direction of said gel member into two gel portions, said conductive pattern members being disposed in said gel portions, respectively.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): An electrical connection component comprising a plurality of plate-like flexible conductive pattern members, a sheet-like gel member having said

conductive pattern member members embedded therein, and flexible base material sheets retaining said gel member therebetween, said conductive pattern members being disposed on both sides of a neutral line which bisects said gel member in a thickness direction of said gel member, said conductive pattern members being displaced from one another between said both sides in a direction of said neutral line.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An electrical connection component according to claim 7, comprising a <u>plurality of</u> thin film conductive <u>layer layers</u> coating external surfaces of said conductive pattern <u>member members</u>.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An electrical connection comprising a plurality of plate-like flexible conductive pattern members, a sheet-like gel member having said conductive pattern members embedded therein, and flexible base material sheets retaining said gel member therebetween, said conductive pattern members being disposed on a neutral line bisecting said gel member in a thickness direction of said gel member, each of said conductive pattern members being oriented obliquely to the neutral line.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An electrical connection component according to claim 5 wherein said thin film conductive layer is a metal plating layer having a conductivity greater than that of said conductive pattern member.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An electrical connection component according to claim 7 8, wherein each of said thin film conductive layer layers is a metal plating layer having a conductivity greater than that of said conductive pattern member.

Claim 12 (currently amended): An electrical connection component according to claim 9, wherein a respective thin film conductive layer is coated over an external surface of each of said conductive pattern members and said thin film conductive layer is a metal plating layer having a conductivity greater than that of said conductive pattern member.